

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 16, 2001
MAG Offices
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman | Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert |
| Vice Mayor Ken Forgia for Mayor Keegan | (teleconference) |
| * Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler | Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear |

* Not present

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Skip Rimsza at 12:10 p.m.

2. Approval of March 21, 2001 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Mayor Arnold moved to approve the March 21, 2001 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Mayor Dunham seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Update on Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force

Mr. Bourey distributed an Executive Summary of the Vision 21 Task Force prepared by the Valley Citizens League. He also distributed a "Message from the Mayor," and a question and answers sheet about the Regional Planning Process, which was requested by the intergovernmental representatives. Chairman Rimsza stated that he believes there is no additional information to discuss until the Governor makes a decision, which will not be until after the budget process. Mr. Bourey asked if there should be any response to the editorial. Chairman Rimsza stated that he feels there should not be a response. He also noted that the Governor is supportive and that the big issues are governance and not having a plan. Mayor Hawker stated that the governance issue will have to be addressed, and recommended getting together with stakeholders. Chairman Rimsza noted that we should not overly respond. Mayor Dunham stated that she supports working with the Governor after the budget process is complete. Mayor Hawker suggested that we approach the Governor when they decide to repackage the issue. Chairman Rimsza noted that he will also meet with John Carlson.

Mayor Hawker expressed concern about how the name change and the changes that MAG will go through as an organization affect this issue. He questioned how MAG can develop a regional system and still hold on to voter approved or bond funds. Chairman Rimsza explained that RPTA and AMWA are examples of how it can work. He noted how important it is to move slowly so everyone understands and is comfortable with the process.

4. Regional Review of Local Plans

Mr. Bourey explained that at the Planning Stakeholder Group reviewed the draft concept and proposed changes which would provide for the general plans and amendments to be first reviewed by the Stakeholders Group and then, if necessary, by the Management Committee. He also noted that if there are issues that can not be resolved by the Management Committee, they would then be forwarded to the Regional Council for discussion. He again noted how important it is to move slowly so everyone is comfortable. Mayor Dunham expressed her concern about creating a significant amount of work. Chairman Rimsza stated that the emphasis is on making communities aware of what is being planned in the region, not necessarily to stop plans. Mayor Dunham stated that she did not have a problem with dialog. However, voting on plans is more formal. Chairman Rimsza suggested there would be no voting. He explained that this would be primarily for information purposes, so everyone understand what is going on in the region and doesn't hear about it after the fact.

5. Proposed MAG Name Change

Mr. Bourey noted that at the last Executive Committee meeting the committee recommended "Metropolitan Leadership Council (MLC)" as the possible new name for MAG. He stated that we now need to move forward with individual conversations or possible focus groups to gauge public acceptance of the proposed name. Chairman Rimsza asked if staff has heard any concerns about the proposed name. Mr. Bourey stated that one concern was that the term "Metropolitan" does not include certain cities. Chairman Rimsza explained that a particular city or town may not be a metropolitan area, but they could join the MLC and have valuable input. He noted that it is what we are together collectively that makes the metropolitan region.

Mayor Dunham made a motion to move forward and look at two different focus groups regarding the proposed MAG name change. One focus group would consist of the outside public and the other would consist of mayors. Mayor Arnold seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

6. Southeast Maricopa County/Northern Pinal County Study

Mr. Bourey stated that we have recently received a letter from the Southeast Valley Mayors and members of the Pinal County and Maricopa County Board of Supervisors requesting a joint transportation study. He noted that this study would cover the Southeast portion of Maricopa County and the Northern area of Pinal County. Chairman Rimsza stated that this should be a Valley wide effort, and that we do not want to do anything separate from MAG. Dennis Smith stated that the request is being considered as part of the FY 2001 closeout process for MAG Federal funds. The closeout recommendations will be considered by the Transportation Review Committee, the Management Committee, and the Regional Council. Mr. Bourey said that it would be a very tight time frame. Chairman Rimsza noted that we need to do whatever it takes to get it done and by working together. Mr. Bourey mentioned that the information from this study would have to be integrated into the Long Range Transportation Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary